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DEPARTMENT PELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE USEFULFOR USUN TO APPROACH URQUHART IN SUPPORT OF SUGGESTION MADE TO DE CUELLAR (REF A) THAT WALDHEIM MIGHT CONSIDER CONVOKING MEETING OF GREEK AND TURKISH CYPRIOT REPRESENTATIVES IN NEW YORK AS MEANS OF GIVING IMPETUS TO INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. CONFIDENTIAL

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INVITATION BY WALDHEIM MIGHT BE EXTENDED DIRECTLY TO THE TWO COMMUNITIES WHO COULD TRAVEL THEMSELVES OR BE IN A POSITION TO DESIGNATE SOMEONE ELSE TO MAKE THE TRIP. OUR OWN GUESS IS THAT NEITHER SIDE COULD AFFORD TO TURN DOWN SUCH AN INVITATION, AND THAT A MEETING OF THIS KIND --- SIMILAR TO ONE ORGANIZED BY WALDHEIM IN NEW YORK LAST SEPTEMBER --- MIGHT BE THE ONLY WAY OF REVIVING AND KEEPING

THE INTERCOMMUNAL NEGOTIATING FORUM ALIVE IN THIS PERIOD BEFORE THE UN CYPRUS DEBATE BEGINS THIS FALL. FOR THIS REASON THEREFORE DEPARTMENT'S PREFERENCE, AS NOTED IN REF B, WOULD BE FOR SUCH A MEETING OR MEETINGS TO BE HELD PRIOR TO OR DURING EARLY STAGES OF UNGA IN SEPTEMBER RATHER THAN IN CONJUNCTION WITH UNGA CYPRUS DEBATE, WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE SCHEDULED FOR LATER IN OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER. WE RECOGNIZE,

OF COURSE, THAT MATTER OF TIMING IS ONE WHICH WALDHEIM WOULD WISH TO WORK OUT WITH PARTIES (AND WITH US). VANCE

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